

Ottawa  
**HUMANE  
SOCIETY**  
S.P.A. Ottawa

# YOUR LIFE-SAVING DIFFERENCE

July to September 2024

Summer is the busiest time of the year at the OHS, and you were here for the animals through it all. You save lives everyday. You are supporting Ottawa's homeless animals, helping loving families stay together and building a caring community.



# YOU SUPPORT OTTAWA'S HOMELESS ANIMALS

## You Saved a Mom and Her Puppy

With nowhere else to turn, a Chihuahua was rushed to the OHS in need of urgent life-saving care. She was pregnant and trying to give birth, but she needed an emergency C-section. Without help, she and her babies would die. Knowing the odds were not in Mom's favour, the OHS veterinary team worked quickly. While sadly, not all pups survived, our clinic team's heroic effort saved the lives of Mom and one of her four precious puppies. We are proud to be here for Ottawa's animals and the people who love them. Thank you for being here for the animals.



## Hopping Success of Rabbit Month

To find forever homes for 40 rabbits, we declared July 21 to Aug. 16 Rabbit Month, offering a special adoption promotion for rabbits. By the end, 33 rabbits — who collectively had been waiting more than 2,000 days for adoption — found their forever homes.

Thanks to your incredible support, we spay/neuter all rabbits before adoption and make sure they have everything they need before finding their new home.



## Adopted After Months of Waiting

Did you see Ren? She's a sweet senior cat who took the internet by storm recently and received more than 1,000,000 views on a video about looking for her new forever home. Ren had been available for adoption since May, and we worked hard to shine a spotlight on her and find her new family. Thanks to caring people like you, Ren and other homeless pets get the love and care they need every day at the OHS, and the extra attention to find their perfect forever family. You'll be happy to know that after her rise to internet fame, Ren found her forever home.

We can't thank you enough for the love you have shown to Ren and all of Ottawa's homeless animals.

July to Sept. 2024

**2,314**

animals brought to the  
OHS

including

**546**

wildlife

**933**

surgeries  
performed



**951**

families  
completed



Average

**401**

animals in OHS  
care daily



# YOU HELP LOVING FAMILIES STAY TOGETHER

## Wellness Clinics: Kristina and Valiant

Thanks to you, the OHS provides safeguards to help keep pets with the people who love them, including essential community services like the OHS Emergency Pet Food Bank and wellness clinics. Meet Kristina and Valiant, who recently accessed an OHS wellness clinic to set Valiant up for a bright and healthy future.

“For someone receiving [Ontario Disability Support], accessing veterinary care can be a nightmare with some clinics even requiring a deposit,” Kristina said as Valiant stayed dutifully by her side. “[Wellness clinics] need to be everywhere. They make a huge difference, and I wouldn’t have been able to give Valiant this type of care without them.” Your support ensures that pets can stay with the families who love them and that the bond between a person and their animal never has to break.



## First Ever Pop-Up Pet Food Bank

In August, we hosted our first-ever pop-up emergency pet food bank in partnership with our friends at the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre. Stationed right outside the centre, we served about 80 families and handed out more than 450 lbs of pet food in only three hours. We also provided free nail trims, pet health information, and essential supplies like leashes and collars.

The day was a success, but there is much more to be done to support Ottawa’s pets and the people who love them. We were blown away when we put out a call for pet food donations in September and the community showed up in a big way, donating 705 lbs of pet food!

Thanks to you, we’re able to expand this essential service and ensure it is available to those who need it most and that no pet has to go hungry.

**10,695 lbs**

of dry and wet food provided to  
pets in the community through the  
Emergency Pet Food Bank

**84**

animals helped  
through wellness  
clinics



# YOU BUILD A CARING COMMUNITY

**1,042**

participants in youth  
programs

**370**

participants in adult  
programs

**9,754**

hours  
volunteered

## Thank You for Wiggling

On Sept. 29, we hosted our biggest event for Ottawa’s animals — the Wiggle Waggle Walk & Run! This year was huge with more than 1,400 participants raising more than \$200,000! Many brought their pets down to the Great Lawn at Lansdowne Park to show their support for the OHS.

We can’t thank the community enough for your amazing generosity and making life-saving shelter and care possible every day at the OHS!



# Ottawa's Biggest Cat Survey

A huge thank you to everyone who filled out the Outdoor Cat Survey in August, to share their thoughts on outdoor cats and their welfare.

Resoundingly, Ottawa residents don't believe cats belong outdoors, unsupervised. Of 3,465 respondents, 76% opposed unsupervised outdoor roaming for cats. At the OHS, that makes us happy. We often receive tearful calls that an outdoor cat has not returned. Too often, we will have to call someone, to tell them their cat has been found outdoors, deceased. After decades of advocacy and education, we have increased the number of stray cats we're able to return to their owners – up to a mere 10%, from a distressing 2% a couple decades ago. We know that it's not enough.

Your feedback provides essential insights into Ottawa's perception on outdoor cats and helps shape our strategy and programs to prevent cat homelessness and improve animal welfare for more than just our feline friends.

**3,465**

**survey responses**



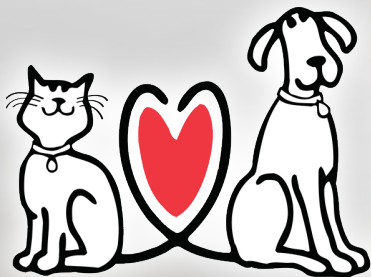
**Accredited**  
**IMAGINE CANADA**

The OHS has achieved accreditation with Imagine Canada, demonstrating excellence in board governance, financial accountability, fundraising, staff management, and volunteer involvement.



The OHS has achieved accreditation with Humane Canada, demonstrating leadership in all aspects of sheltering, animal care, outreach, education and advocacy.

**Bumble**  
**Adopted Sept. 2024**



Ottawa  
**HUMANE  
SOCIETY**  
**S.P.A.** Ottawa